

# COUNCIL BRIEFS

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**Going for the World's Record:** On March 11 at 2:00 PM, the world's largest origami butterfly will be officially measured so it can be entered into the Guinness World Record book. Under the direction of Webster Hill Elementary School math tutor Madelyn Filomeno and physical education teacher Eileen Shahverdian, students have constructed a 4-meter paper origami butterfly that when opened fills half the gym. The completed butterfly took two years in the making. Students learned about angles and mathematical equations while having fun constructing the paper butterfly.

To make it official, the butterfly will be measured by the Town's certified land surveyor, authenticated by an origami expert and witnessed and videotaped by an unrelated party. Congratulations on this major achievement!

**New Town web site launched:** The Town of West Hartford launched a new web site design today, February 27, aimed at getting visitors to where they want to go quickly. Town services, programs and documents are cross referenced to make finding information easy. The new web site has a 'myWH' feature which allows a visitor to receive notifications whenever a "My Favorite" web page changes. The new mobile-ready design was made in conjunction with the new domain name, WestHartfordCT.gov that was changed on January 1, 2015.

**Time to start thinking of summer:** Every household in town received a Summer Camp brochure in its mailbox last week. Now is the time for parents to plan an exciting and rewarding summer of fun for their children.

West Hartford's Leisure Services makes that easy by offering a wide range of camps for children ages preschool to teens with varied interests and abilities. Camps are staffed with qualified, enthusiastic camp counselors at safe, conveniently located facilities. Leisure Services

offers full-day and half-day options at affordable prices. Camp programs begin late June and continue through the third week of August.

**Business safety meeting for Park Road merchants:** On February 24, Officer McAvay and Lt. Ted Stoneburner met with Park Road merchants regarding business safety tips.

Discussion points included trust your instincts and call police when something seems suspicious; have two people working together whenever possible; install a robbery alarm and surveillance cameras; keep a low balance in the cash register; comply with the robber's demands and make mental notes of his/her description; keep posters off the windows so people can see into the business and keep your business well lit and use motion-sensor lights, if possible.

In addition, the police department offered free property safety audits to bolstering security.

**Bishops Corner Neighborhood Association's Highlights & Happy Hour:** The Bishops Corner Neighborhood Association invites you to attend its Highlights & Happy Hour on March 3, at 6:00-8:00 PM at the Bishops Corner Senior Center, 15 Starkel Rd., to hear about:

- Bishops Corner development update
- Beautification enhancements and upcoming construction projects
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements
- Art enrichment events being considered for the neighborhood
- Plans for a bigger and better Farmers' Market this year

Please RSVP to 860-206-6975 or email [BishopsCorner@Yahoo.com](mailto:BishopsCorner@Yahoo.com).

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